

Reimbursement Rate Data Collection

Instructions for Alternative Methodology

This document outlines instructions for testing the data collection methodology proposed in the informal draft of the rule at Title 28, Texas Administrative Code Chapter 21, Subchapter KK. Issuers opting to test the data collection methodology, in lieu of submitting data using form LHL616, should complete the Cover Page and Data worksheets of the TestData.xlsx Microsoft Excel document.

Scope

In order to test the methodology, the scope includes a small sample of treatment events from each category:

Inpatient Procedures

- C-Section
- Knee Replacement

Outpatient Procedures

- Colonoscopy
- Upper and Lower GI Endoscopy

Imaging

- CT Scan Chest w/o & w/ Contrast
- MRI Lower Limb with Joint w/o Contrast
- Mammogram, Digital Screening of Two Breasts

Office Visits

- Preventive Visit Established Patient Age 18-39
- Office Consultation 5
- Well Woman Visit

Pathology

- General Health Panel
- Obstetric Panel
- Lipid Panel
- Cytopathology for Pap Smear 1

Instructions

1. Complete the cover page.
2. Report data for each treatment event component in the Data worksheet by 3-digit ZIP code and by Network Status. For each 3-digit ZIP code in which the company has responsive in- or out-of-network claims data, generate a new row, with the:
 - A. Procedure Description listed in Column A,
 - B. Query Instruction Code listed in Column B,
 - C. Network Status (indicating IN for in-network or OON for out-of-network) in Column C, and
 - D. Applicable 3-digit ZIP code listed in Column D.

For reference, the 3-digit ZIP codes that are subject to reporting are included in the 3DigitZIP worksheet. See the example illustrated in the Sample Central TX worksheet.

3. The Query Instructions-Target Codes worksheet contains the Query Instructions in Columns D-K and the Target Codes in Columns M-T, for each procedure identified on the Data worksheet. Query Instructions are also located on the Instructions worksheet. To identify the applicable claims data for each treatment event component, follow the Query Instructions for filtering the data associated with the applicable Query Instruction Code, using the applicable Target Code(s) referenced in Query Instructions Filter 6.
4. Enter data in columns E through T on the Data worksheet, for each treatment event component listed in the Data worksheet, based on the applicable claims identified by the Query Instructions and Target Codes.